

Director's Report  
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### **Stay Connected to Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL)**

Are you connected? MCPL wants you to stay connected to current library news and information. There are several ways you can connect to MCPL.

- Join us on Facebook for library news and event information. Find quick links to library services or ask questions and join discussions about the library;
- Follow MCPL on Twitter to find out all the latest library news and information;
- Teens, 13-18 years old can join us on Teen Facebook for the latest library news and information, links to author interviews and library services and discussions about current events; and
- Our Weekly Shhhout-Blog provides interesting and engaging information that will help you discover and explore MCPL resources and relevant sources of information on the Internet.

Of course you may also connect to MCPL in person by visiting any of our branches. We offer a great selection of books and other materials, experienced staff to assist you with your information needs, and a variety of programs for all ages.

### **Summer Reading @ MCPL**

Summer Reading 2011 is in full swing. The kickoff event for children was a huge success! Musical favorites Cathy Fink and ChristyLez Bacon engaged an excited audience at the Aspen Hill Library on June 18. The program also included balloon twisting fun with Dee Vinchey and arts and crafts activities.

There are still great programs scheduled for the remainder of July and August. All of our summer programs are made possible through the generous support of the [Friends of the Library](#), [Montgomery County Inc.](#) (FOLMC) and local Friends chapters.

It's not too late to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program. Sign up continues until August 6. Join in and read for the fun of it.

### **Teens Rock!**

Over 70 teens packed the Bethesda Library on June 16 to help kick off Teen Summer Reading with popular teen author Sarah Dessen. A large number of teens also participated in the Manga drawing workshops held at Wheaton, Germantown and Rockville Memorial libraries as well as the DJ workshop held at Germantown Library. The Spoken Word Poetry Slam featuring local author and poet Kenny Carroll is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 from 5-7 pm at Germantown; and it promises to be a live electric event!

### **Fall Program Preview**

Fall is just around the corner and we are getting ready for a new season of programming that will include our popular early literacy story times, classes for seniors 50+ and a new series of job

training workshops.

### **Focus on Early Literacy**

It's never too early to share books with your child. A preschooler's early experiences with books and reading is important in literacy development. All of our branches offer preschool story times that incorporate stories, rhymes, fingerplays and movement that help children enjoy books and reading, help parents and caregivers understand how to choose and share books, and encourage skills that children need for school readiness.

### **50+ and Living Well in Montgomery County**

In collaboration with Montgomery College, Lifelong Learning Institute, two literature classes, *American Fiction* and *Shakespeare: From Page to Stage*, will be held at the Kensington Park and Davis libraries beginning in the fall. Registration and fees for these classes is handled through Montgomery College beginning July 25. For more information and to register, you may visit, [www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce) or call 240-567-5188.

### **Job Training Workshops**

Our job training series continues in mid-August with the following workshops: High Impact Resumes, Interviewing for Success & Salary Negotiation and Successful Job Search Strategies Using the Internet. These workshops are free and will take place at the following libraries: Germantown, Long Branch, Twinbrook and Wheaton. Online registration, available through our website is required.

### **MCPL – Your Community Destination**

I am delighted that our programs are well attended by the community. Thank you for using Montgomery County Public Libraries and for making us your community destination. Visit us online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library) for our complete listing of upcoming events.

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